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# EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE



"For a better future"

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# WELCOME

At Laurance Haines, our Early Years Curriculum is organised into 7 areas of learning with a strong emphasis on active learning, play and exploration and creating and thinking critically.

Our staff plan the curriculum with emphasis on the children's interests, to ensure the children make good progress towards their goals.

Pupils experience a range of activities indoors and outdoors, whatever the weather to develop skills, knowledge and independence; they learn actively within a strong routine. Children will bring home regular information about what they are learning through weekly newsletters.

We treat every child as an individual and we look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.

## OUR EARLY YEARS TEACHERS

### MRS MOODY, EYFS PHASE LEADER/ NURSERY TEACHER

I am extremely proud to be the Early Years Leader here at Laurance Haines. I love sharing my passion of early years with my incredible staff team and watching our children learn, grow and have fun! I believe that all children deserve a better future and should be given exciting opportunities to become the best they can be. I have been teaching for 5 years and trained at Southbank University where I graduated with a first class degree in Primary Education.



### MISS SMART, RECEPTION TEACHER



I am the reception teacher in Team Plum. I have been teaching at Laurance Haines for 3 years. I studied a degree in Geography before my PGCE. I love cooking, playing outdoors and being creative. I am passionate about children learning through fun and memorable experiences. I ensure that each child has the freedom to explore their own creativity enabling them to learn and grow.

### MISS ALLEN, RECEPTION TEACHER

I am the Reception teacher in Team Pear. I have prior experience working with SEN children and working in a Speech and Language Clinic. At Laurance Haines I have worked in Year 3 and Year 1. I enjoy making learning creative and engaging to attain children's full attention, having them involved in their learning. In my spare time I enjoy painting, drawing and reading as well as baking with my children.



## WHAT OUR DAY LOOKS LIKE

### BUSY FINGERS

The children start the day with busy fingers, a fine motor skills intervention. This helps the muscles to develop in our fingers.



### MESSY PLAY

Children explore a wide range of different textures such as shaving foam, slime, cornflour and mousse.



### MARK MAKING

Our children follow the letters and sounds phonics programme. This helps them to understand their letters and be able to write sentences. The children enjoy describing the marks they make..



### CHILD INITIATED LEARNING

This is an important role in children's learning and development. Our children explore and learn from their own thoughts and ideas through the freedom and creativity that child-initiated learning and play enables.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What do I need to bring every day?

Book bag, water bottle and coat

## How do I communicate with the class teacher?

Speaking to them at the class door, email, parents consultations and our online portal [Tapestry](#).

## How do I know what my child did at school?

Observations will be uploaded to Tapestry and sent to you weekly. We also have a twitter account that will share information with you.

## What does my child eat for lunch?

All Reception children are entitled to free school meals and have a choice of three options daily.

## What time does school start and finish?

8.50 and 3.20

## What if my child is hungry in the morning?

Toast and Fruit is provided everyday

## Do you still go out in the rain?

Yes, please provide a coat for your child and a pair of wellies which will be left at school. Spare clothes should also be left at school.

## How does my child express their feelings in school?

Using the zones of regulation board

## Will Reception go on school trips?

Yes, previously Reception have gone on trips such the pantomime and the farm.

## My child has asthma and an epi-pen what do I do?

Complete medical forms with the school office. Staff are first aid trained

## What do I do if I'm worried about something?

Speak to class teacher or EYFS Leader

## Pick up/drops off

Please let the class teacher or school office know if someone different is picking up or dropping off as need to safeguard your child. We do also operate a password system.

## Is there a PTA?

Yes, every parent at the school can be a member.

## Is there any homework in Reception?

Yes set weekly

## How do I know what my child is learning every week?

A weekly newsletter is sent home explaining what we are learning for the week

## Where do I pick my child up from?

Reception class doors

## Who will look after my child?

The teacher and teaching assistant

## What happens if my child has extra needs?

Please speak to the class teacher, EYFS leader or the SENCO.

## Do you run a breakfast club?

No but we do have before and after school clubs available for children in Reception - Y6, [click here to view current arrangements](#).

# OUR SCHOOL VIDEO



# ADMISSIONS

[Admissions for Reception class will be processed through the Herts Admissions Team.](#)

Please visit our website to find out about our [Early Years Foundation](#).

Nursery Admissions are managed by Laurance Haines School. If you would like apply for a Nursery place, please contact the school office or visit our admissions pages on our website for further information.

# READY FOR SCHOOL

